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Kay Halle lunched with us but is leaving the house today to stay in the country for a short time.

Jim Conant called on me this afternoon. He had testified this morning before the Randall Committee on Foreign Economic Policy. He does not think the conversations between Adenauer and Francois Poncet on the Saar are making real progress and believes that later the United States Government will have to intervene in the affair and exercise whatever good offices it can as an arbiter. He also thinks that if there is a long delay on the part of the French Assembly in voting on EDC, pressure by the Germans to put the contractual agreements into effect as an independent action will be [redacted] powerful.

Preston Grover came to see me. He is convinced [redacted] the votes are in the Assembly for EDC ratification if the Saar issue can be resolved.

Harold Callender telephoned me tonight and said for the first time he had made a bet that EDC would be ratified by the French Parliament.

We went to dinner tonight at Margaret Biddle's, where we found the Windsors, Barrachin, [redacted] the de Brantes, and about twenty others. The Duke has finally bought the mill which they recently leased in the valley of the Chevreuse and they have spent about $200,000 fixing it up.

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